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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Austin SMITH et al.) Group Art Unit: 1632
Serial No.: 09/686,880) Examiner: Shin Lin Chen
Filed: October 12, 2000)
For: LINEAGE SPECIFIC CELLS)
AND PROGENITOR CELLS)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

Further to the Amendment and Response filed on May 12, 2003 and Supplemental Response filed on May 15, 2003, Applicants enclose a Declaration of Meng Li in support of arguments against the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Applicants submit that in view of the May 12, 2003 response and this supporting Declaration of Meng Li, the claims are in condition for allowance.

Applicants do not believe that any extension of time is required for entry of this Second Supplemental Response. However, in the event of an error, please grant any extension of time required for entry of this Response and charge any fee required to deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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